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SUBJ: CSCE: BASKET III: "MINI-PACKAGE" FOR CULTURE

REFS: (A) GENEVA 4401; (B) GENEVA 3795; (C) GENEVA 4200

1. WITH OBJECTIVE OF RESOLVING MAJOR OUTSTANDING EAST/
WEST ISSUES IN CULTURAL SUBCOMMITTEE, ALLIED EXPERTS ARE
RECOMMENDING THAT FOLLOWING "MINI-PACKAGE" BE PRESENTED
TO SOVIETS SOONEST BY FRENCH SPOKESMAN FOR WESTERN MEMBERS
OF MINI-GROUP (WHICH INCLUDES UDEL). WE BELIEVE PROPOSED
APPROACH IS WORTH TRYING, AND UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED
WILL SUPPORT THIS ALLIED EFFORT.

2. ELEMENTS OF MINI-PACKAGE ARE AS FOLLOW:

A. PREAMBLE: TWO OUTSTANDING POINTS INVOLVE PARAGRAPHS

(3) AND (7) OF TEXT FORWARDED IN REF A. COMPROMISE

WESTERN TEXTS ON THESE PARAGRAPHS WOULD READ:

BEGIN TEXT OF PARAGRAPH 3

INTENDING, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

AND THE FURTHER IMPROVEMNT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN

THE PARTICIPATING STATES, TO CONTINUE FURTHER

EFFORTS TOWARDS PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD;

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BEGIN TEXT OF PARAGRAPH 7

THUS STATING THEIR COMMON WILL TO TAKE PROGRESSIVE,
COHERENT AND LONG-TERM ACTION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE
THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRESENT DECLARATION, AND
EXPRESS THE INTENTION NOW TO APPLY THE FOLLOWING:
END TEXT.

B. CONTACTS: IN RETURN FOR WESTERN MOVE TOWARD SOVIET
POSITION ON PREAMBULAR TEXT, ALLIES WOULD INSIST ON
DELETION OF ESCAPE CLAUSE IN INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE
OF TEXT ON CONTACTS AMONG CREATIVE ARTISTS (REF B).
THIS SOVIET CONCESSION (THOUGH DEPARTMENT WILL RE-
CALL THAT THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH AN
ESCAPE CLAUSE IN HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS) WOULD,
IN TURN BE BALANCED BY WESTERN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT
SOVIET FORMULATION NOW BRACKETED IN SECOND PARAGRAPH
OF CONTACTS TEXT (REF B). TWO PARAGRAPHS IN
QUESTION WOULD THUS READ:
BEGIN TEXT:

(1.) TO CONTRIBUTE, BY APPROPRIATE MEANS, TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF CONTACTS AND CO-OPERATION IN THE
VARIOUS FIELDS OF CULTURE, ESPECIALLY AMONG CREATIVE
ARTISTS AND PEOPLE ENGAGED IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES,
IN PARTICULAR BY MAKING EFFORTS TO:

(2.) PROMOTE FOR PERSONS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE,
TRAVEL AND MEETINGS INCLUDING, WHERE NECESSARY, THOSE
CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS OR
OTHER SPECIAL ARRANGMENTS AND WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO
THEIR CULTURAL CO-OPERATION;
END TEXT

C. DUTCH TEXT: NETHERLANDS DELEGATION HAS AGREED TO
FOLLOWING COMPROMISE VERSION OF THEIR CONTROVERSIAL
TEXT ON CONTACTS BETWEEN AUTHORS AND PUBLISHING HOUSES.
BEGIN TEXT:

TO FACILITATE, WHILE TAKING UFLI ACCOUNT OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTIONS TO WHICH THEY ARE PARTY,
INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN
AUTHORS AND PUBLISHING HOUSES AS WELL AS OTHER CULTURAL
INSTITUTIONS, WITH A VIEW TO A MORE COMPLETE MUTUAL
ACCESS TO CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS;
END TEXT.

SOVIET AGREEMENT TO THIS FORMULATION WOULD BE BALANCED
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BY WESTERN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT PROPOSED USSR AMENDMENTS
TO PARAGRAPH (3) AND (5) OF ACCESS TEXT FORWARDED IN
REF C. FULL ACCESS TEXT WOULD THUS READ:
BEGIN TEXT:

(1) TO PROMOTE WIDER DISSEMINATION OF BOOKS AND
ARTISTIC WORKS BY VARIOUS MEANS, SUCH AS:

(2) FACILITATING, WHILE TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COPY RIGHT CONVENTIONS TO WHICH THEY

ARE PARTY, INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AUTHORS AND PUBLISHING HOUSES AS WELL AS OTHER CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, WITH A VIEW TO A MORE COMPLETE MUTUAL ACCESS TO CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS;

(3) RECOMMENDING THAT, IN DETERMINING THE SIZE OF EDITIONS, PUBLISHING HOUSES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALSO THE DEMAND FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES, AND THAT RIGHTS OF SALE BE GRANTED, WHERE POSSIBLE, IN OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTNERS TO SEVERAL SALES ORGANIZATIONS OF THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES;

(4) ENCOURAGING COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS AND RELEVANT FIRMS TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS AND CONTRIBUTING, BY THIS MEANS, TO A GRADUAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER AND DIVERSITY OF WORKS BY AUTHORS FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES AVAILABLE IN THE ORIGINAL AND IN TRANSLATION IN THEIR LIBRARIES AND BOOKSHOPS;

(5) PROMOTING, WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE, AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SALES OUTLETS WHERE BOOKS BY AUTHORS FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES IN THE ORIGINAL, IMPORTED ON THE BASIS OF AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS, AND IN TRANSLATION ARE FOR SALE;

(6) IMPROVING AND EXPANDING EXCHANGES OF BOOKS, BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND CATALOGUE CARDS BETWEEN LIBRARIES;

(7) ENVISAGING OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES WHICH WOULD PERMIT, WHERE NECESSARY BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES, THE FACILITATION OF ACCESS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR IN THE FIELD OF BOOKS;
END TEXT.

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3. COMMENT: UK, BELGIAN, AND DUTCH DELS IN EC-NINE HAVE SPEARHEADED EFFORT TO OBTAIN ALLIED AGREEMENT TO THIS "MINI-PACKAGE", DESPITE CLEAR RELUCTANCE OF FRENCH DEL. WHILE WE WOULD PREFER A TIGHTER FORMULATION OF CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH OF PREAMBLE, DROPPING WORD "DECLARATION", WE ENTIRELY SHARE WIDER ALLIED OBJECTIVES, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS KEY TEXT ON CONTACTS AMONG CREATIVE ARTISTS. ON BALANCE, WE RECOMMEND CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THESE OBJECTIVES, AND UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED SHALL FOLLOW THIS LINE.

4. ALLIED EXPERTS HAVE PROPOSED THAT IF POSSIBLE, APPROACH BE MADE TO SOVIETS ALONG FOREGOING LINES DURING AFTERNOON JUNE 13. IF DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED "MINI-

PACKAGE", WE WOULD NEED TO RECEIVE THEM NO LATER THAN
NOON ON JUNE 13.
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